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¶1. (SBU) On December 24, Dutch Deputy Head of Mission Erik Boer, Russian Deputy Chief of Mission Dimitri Trasimov, and Deputy Pol/C Kurt van der Walde jointly delivered reftel announcement about the upcoming fifth Global Initiative meeting in The Hague to Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade Director General for International Security Donald Sinclair. Sinclair reiterated Canada's full support for the meeting and for all collective efforts to combat WMD, and offered Canada's assistance with speakers and other issues, as desired. He confirmed that Canada will send a strong delegation to the meeting, and expressed the hope to review the agenda soon.

¶2. (SBU) Sinclair added that Canada views the Global Initiative as an "important and helpful adjunct" to the Non-Proliferation Treaty Review Conference in 2010, the success of which Canada will work to ensure. He underscored that Canada spends a "great deal of money and resources" to combat WMD, and singled out the close partnership with the U.S. in this effort.

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